Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture presents:

Globalization of Asian Cuisines Authors’ Roundtable Discussion on Japanese Cuisines and Culinary Globalization

Date: June 2, 2016
Time: 18:30-20:00
Venue: Room 301, Building 10, Sophia University Yotsuya Campus

This authors’ roundtable celebrates the recent publication of Globalization of Asian Cuisines: Transnational Networks and Culinary Contact Zones (Palgrave 2015). It brings together three authors from this collection to discuss their contributions while focusing on the topic of Japanese culinary cultures and culinary globalization. James Farrer will introduce the overall themes of the volume, including its implications for recent Japanese culinary politics. David Wank and Farrer also will be discussing their research on how Chinese migrants have brought Japanese foodways to small town America. Stephanie Assmann will share her research on the Japanese food education movement and the relation to culinary globalization and culinary nationalism in Japan. Although each author will introduce their own contributions, the majority of the discussion will take the form of a roundtable conversation with authors relating their recent research developments in Japanese culinary globalization and culinary politics. Questions from the audience will be welcome.

Roundtable Participants:

James Farrer is Professor of Sociology and Global Studies at Sophia University. He studies the urban sociology of China and Japan with foci on food, sexuality, nightlife and expatriate communities.

David Wank is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Graduate Program in Global Studies at Sophia University. He researches religion and the state in China, social networks, business practices and the globalization of Asian food cultures.

Stephanie Assmann is Specially Appointed Professor in the Modern Japanese Studies Program at Hokkaido University. Her research focuses on consumer behavior, social stratification, gender and foodways.

Chair: Chuanfei Wang, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Comparative Culture. She researches Japanese and Chinese wine cultures.

Discussant: Chris Hess, Associate Professor of History at Sophia University. He researches Sino-Japanese transnational cultural flows and urban history of China.